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U.S. Ambassador Derek Mitchell Celebrates Ramadan with Leaders of Major Faith Communities

Yangon – On July 16, U.S. Ambassador Derek Mitchell celebrated the holy month of Ramadan by hosting an iftar dinner at his home with leaders from the Muslim, Buddhist, Hindu, and Christian faiths, as well as key leaders from civil society.

“Ramadan is a time of thoughtful reflection, fasting, and devotion,” **said Ambassador Mitchell**. “It is also an opportunity to come together to celebrate the principles that bind all people of faith – a commitment to peace, justice, equality, and compassion toward fellow human beings.

“The principles that all faiths share are much stronger than their differences. Ramadan reminds us that freedom, dignity, and opportunity are undeniable rights for all.”

Iftar is the meal eaten just after sunset when Muslims break their fast each day during Ramadan, the ninth month on the lunar calendar.

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